

Vermont Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnership for Success II (PFS)

Overview

The Partnership for Success (PFS) grant is a three year cooperative agreement with the US Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Its purpose is to reduce underage drinking and prescription drug misuse and abuse. In collaboration with multiple state and local community partners, the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) will support regional prevention strategies in the six VDH Districts listed below identified through an analysis of prevalence data, size of target population and socioeconomic disparities. The grant will also support training and communications activities aimed at strengthening the prevention infrastructure in all twelve districts of the state.

- Brattleboro District Office
- Morrisville District Office
- Windsor County with the WRJ District Office taking the lead
- Burlington District Office
- Barre District Office
- Rutland District Office

PFS funding will intentionally encompass a variety of evidence-based strategies that collectively address multiple developmental stages of youth and young adults, through multiple levels of intervention, and that have the potential to influence a range of behavioral health issues in addition to the specifically targeted behaviors of underage drinking and prescription drug misuse.

National and State Goals of the Partnership for Success Grant:

- Reduce underage and binge drinking among persons aged 12 to 20
- Reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse among persons aged 12 to 25
- Increase state, regional and community capacity to prevent underage drinking and prescription drug misuse by implementing a targeted regional approach

Vermont Concept:

- Continue to utilize the Strategic Prevention Framework public health planning process to carry out the grant goals and objectives
- VDH Office of Local Health (OLH) will lead the process in the communities' development of a district wide plan to address both alcohol and prescription drug misuse and abuse
- Community-based organization within the district office catchment area will serve as the lead agency to carry out evidence-based strategies to address the goals of the grant

Next Steps and Progress to Date:

- VDH's Statewide Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) will provide district offices with regional data profiles related to alcohol use and prescription drug misuse – *Completed January 2013*
- OLH will convene regional stakeholders including local coalition coordinators, START, schools, hospitals, and local treatment providers to commence planning – *Planned for March 2013*
- Based on needs assessment, community strengths and resources, teams will select evidence-based strategies and develop a plan to be implemented in their region – *Planned for April 2013*

Award Amount: \$3.6 million - \$1.2 million per year for 3 years

Grant Period: 10/1/12 – 9/30/15